

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Little League, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 521234703****Project Title:**

Ketchikan Little League, Inc. - Batting Cages and Indoor Training Facility

State Funding Requested: \$ 60,000**House District: 1 - A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Funding to construct and outfit and indoor baseball training facility.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$60,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$44,500	FY2007				
Local Funds	\$30,000	FY2007				
Total	\$74,500					

Explanation of Other Funds:

KLL plans to fundraise for the completion of the project, and those funds are indeterminate dependent upon how much money is raised/donated.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Ketchikan Little League requests \$60,000 in matching funds to construct and outfit an indoor training facility. Ketchikan's inclement weather limits opportunities for youth interested in baseball or softball practice throughout the year. Ketchikan Little League has moved forward with plans to build the Ketchikan Indoor Training Facility. This facility will consist of an indoor batting cage area, indoor infield area, and over time a second floor over the batting cage to house visiting Southeast leagues or sports teams. Ketchikan Little League has teamed up with KAYHI Baseball & Softball, JO Softball along with commitments from local professional and volunteers to assist in construction of the facility. The project is on it way with donations from Ketchikan businesses. Ketchikan Soda Work / Coca Cola donated \$30,000 to the Ketchian Little League project. Ketchikan Little League recieved a state grant of \$44,500 in FY2007, and plans on extensive fundraising for completion of this important facility.

The Ketchikan Little League requests \$60,000 in matching funds to construct and outfit this facility. This funds would be used to purchase building materials for the training facility. This request will match the corporate and private funds we have started to recieve, plus the value of the property the Ketchikan Gateway Borough has allowed them to use, is developed and has water, sewer and electric utilities already installed. This is a well thought-out project, with strong support in the community, and is worthy of receiving state matching funds. Ketchikan is still suffering from collapse of the timber industry and other economic changes. This facility will help improve the quality of life and provide a safe place for healthy recreation to Ketchikan youth.

Project Timeline:

FY09-FY11: This project will begin this fall, and will continue construction for two years, dependent upon full funding.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Ketchikan Little League

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Reggie Reinhardt, President

Phone Number: 907-247-3933

Address: P.O. Box 5455 KTN, AK 99901

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Cover photo: Ketchikan Baseball Team, circa 1910 courtesy of Ketchikan Museums.

Introduction

Baseball in Ketchikan has a long history: in the early years of the twentieth century, the baseball field was located on the tidal flats at the mouth of Ketchikan Creek, which was free of saltwater only twice a day. Each low tide exposed the ballfield, which might be littered with trees, dead salmon, and other debris that the players would have to remove before each game. In the early 1920's, a new ballfield site was chosen on the upper end of Ketchikan creek near the new City Park. The new ballfield was named after Norman "Doc" Walker, Ketchikan's mayor from 1930-1932 and a Territorial Senator. Since then, Walker Field and baseball have continued to have a large presence in Ketchikan and the games are popular destinations for friends and families throughout the spring and summer. In addition, football and soccer games maintain Walker Field's function as a favored sporting location through the remainder of the year.

The area adjacent to Walker Field currently has the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Public Works in the Quonset Hut, the old tennis court is being used as a bus depot, and the greenhouse is the office/storage space for the Bus Transportation Department personnel. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly has proven their commitment to the future of the Indoor Training Facility and the children of Ketchikan in two actions from the last year: in August of 2006, they approved the request from Ketchikan Little League to designate this adjacent area for the future Indoor Training Facility; and on March 19, 2007, they approved the construction of a new Bus Depot and Public Works building. Through these actions, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough has provided the space required for the new Facility.

The design of the Indoor Training Facility adjacent to Walker Field will incorporate sustainable building strategies including natural lighting and ventilation options, and a well-insulated exterior envelope to reduce heating demand. The project assumes phased construction for the one-story pre-manufactured metal building for the indoor field structure, and a site constructed wood framed building for the indoor batting cages with a dormitory above. Local building materials and labor will be used when ever possible within while still meeting project requirements and budgets. All construction will meet local and state building codes, and be ADA accessible.

The Ketchikan Little League Indoor Training Facility Building Program & Conceptual Plans were prepared through discussions with Reggie Reinhardt and Tom Craig of Alaska District No. 2 Little League Baseball, Inc. The project has been in development for many years, and seeks to provide a much needed indoor practice field, indoor batting cages, and a dormitory facility for traveling teams and others who come to Ketchikan for baseball, softball, and other sports.

Site & Surroundings

Located at the junction of Park Avenue and Schoenbar Road at 1231 Park Avenue, Walker Field occupies a lot that is 397,963 square feet. The existing site at USMS 769, Block PT, Lot D, is zoned PLI – Public Lands and Institutions. Adjacent properties include residential areas to the south and west; a power plant to the east; and the Schoenbar Middle School and City Park located across Schoenbar Road and Park Avenue respectively. As an added amenity, Walker Field is also on the public bus system route.

Walker Field comprises a pair of baseball fields, a Senior League field and a Little League field, both of which double as soccer and football fields; grandstands and bleachers; concessions and bathroom facilities for each field; four dug-outs; two announcer's booths; bus depot yard (old tennis courts); a 3402 square foot Quonset hut currently being used by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Public Works Department; and two miscellaneous storage/greenhouse spaces. The fields themselves are mostly level in topography, at roughly the same elevation as Schoenbar Road. Park Avenue, to the south, does rise slightly, with the Senior League Grandstands accessible at that level. The entire north edge of the site is a steep, wooded hillside. A 31-foot power and telephone easement runs just north of the Quonset hut, with its northern edge aligned roughly with the toe of the slope that separates Walker Field from the upper area of the lot. A Ketchikan Public Utility telephone and electrical utility easement runs through the area of the project, and a waterline easement is located nearby. The site is located within the City of Ketchikan service district, and all utilities are available. Existing sporting facilities and fencing, including the old tennis courts, a bullpen, and a Little League batting cage will be impacted by the construction of the new buildings and their associated parking. The batting cage and bullpen are uses that will be easily worked into the new facilities planned for the site.

Building Program

The goal for this project is to create a place to play baseball and softball all year long in an area of Alaska known for receiving over 16 feet of rain a year. The new Ketchikan Little League Indoor Training Facility, with an indoor field, batting cages, and dormitory seeks to become the premier training facility in Southeast Alaska. The facility will provide spaces for sports instruction, competition, family entertainment and enrichment. It strives to help every player reach their full potential, and use the concepts of teamwork in other aspects of their lives. In the dead of winter, players can work on all elements of the game: fielding, hitting, base running, and pitching. The health benefits are numerous, as well as giving youth another opportunity to succeed. Other sports may also use the facility enabling them to expand their existing programs.

With this facility, Ketchikan will have the ability to host baseball and softball clinics as well as visiting teams. The influx of visitors, especially during the off season, will make the facility another economic factor in our local economy.

The Indoor Training Facility is conceived as a phased project, with the Indoor Field structure built first, followed by the Batting Cages & Dormitory. The existing Quonset hut on the site will be minimally renovated as an interim batting cage while the facility is being constructed.

Site Improvements: Existing parking and fencing on the site will be revised or relocated to accommodate the new construction, with a new access drive located at the electrical easement at the north of the site.

Indoor Playing Field: 13,600 sf

Exterior Covered Entries:

A sheltered area outside each of the Entry doors will allow players to wait under cover.

Entries & Seating: 2650 sf.

This well-lit and visible area will provide access to the indoor playing field at the east and west elevations of the building. Seating areas will be provided in the wings of the outfield area near the entries for visitors and coaches, with protective netting separating them from the field. Finishes will be basic throughout the facility, with exposed steel structure, fabric covered insulation, and plywood wainscoting to 10'-0" height to protect the walls.

Public Restrooms: 100 sf. (2 @ 50 s.f. each)

Restrooms for both men and women will be provided adjacent the Entry Foyer. Each restroom will have a single water closet and lavatory and be ADA accessible.

Enclosed Storage: 50 sf.

A small room will provide lockable storage for sports equipment.

Indoor Playing Field: 9,025 s.f.

This fully-conditioned and insulated area will function as an indoor training infield during inclement weather and evening hours. The 90'x90' infield is regulation size with 90 foot base paths. The indoor infield area will also be interchangeable to accommodate the smaller 50- and 60-foot regulation size base paths for younger leagues. The outfield play is enhanced by the challenge of playing the ball off the outfield walls and netting. The playing surface will be the existing sand and gravel surface to begin, with an artificial turf covering to be added when funds are available. Seating areas will be provided in the wings of the outfield area for visitors and coaches, with protective netting separating them from the field. The minimum height of the single story structure is 24'. It will be provided with non-glare natural light and ventilation from high clerestory windows and vents as well as mechanical ventilation and energy efficient artificial lighting.

Mechanical Mezzanine: 300 s.f.

A mechanical mezzanine will be located at the peak of the building over home plate to house the mechanical ventilation equipment. Access will be provided by a permanent ladder and man-lift when required.

Total Net Square Footage Lower Level: 11,825 sf.

Circulation Factor 1.15

Total Gross Square Feet: 13,600 sf.

Indoor Batting Cage & Dormitories: 10,340 sf.

Ground Level:

Foyer/Commons: 750 sf.

This will be the main point of entry for teams and visitors to the indoor training facility. The Foyer/Commons area will be a welcoming space for coaches and players to meet, and it will provide access to the batting cages, public restrooms, vending machines, and enclosed stair to the dormitory above. A counter with a sink, refrigerator, and microwave will be available for snacks and refreshments, and lockers for storing personal items and gear. The area should be naturally lit, and visible from the exterior. Glazing in the wall will allow coaches to watch batters in the stalls. Finishes should be durable, low-maintenance, and cost effective.

Coach's & ADA Dormitory Room: 260 sf

Adjacent the Commons, a small dormitory room and restroom will provide an ADA accessible accommodation for visiting coaches, players or chaperones with special needs.

Batting Stalls: 3,375 sf (3 @ 1,125 sf. each)

Each batting stall will be a minimum of 15-feet wide by 75-feet long, and have a 12'-0" height ceiling. The stalls will be separated by netting, and accommodate automated pitching machines and related equipment.

Public Restrooms: 100 sf (2 @ 50 s.f. each)

Public Restrooms will be provided at the Foyer for both Men & Women. Each restroom will have a single water closet and lavatory and be fully ADA accessible.

Janitor's Room: 50 sf.

This room located adjacent the restrooms will contain a mop sink and shelving for storage of cleaning supplies.

Enclosed Stair: 200 sf

An enclosed stair will provide access and exiting from the dormitory rooms above.

Exterior Stair: 200 sf.

An exterior stair will provide emergency exiting from the dormitory rooms above.

Upper Level:

Sleeping Rooms: 3,000 sf (4 @ 750 sf. each)

Four sleeping rooms will provide a place for visiting teams of 12-14 players to stay. Each room will have seven bunk beds and lockers for gear. The rooms will have natural ventilation and lighting, with durable residential finishes.

Coaches Rooms: 420 sf.

Two sleeping rooms and one bathroom will provide accommodations for coaches and chaperones traveling with their teams. Each sleeping room will be furnished with two single beds, bed stands, and a closet, and will have natural ventilation and lighting.

Commons: 500 sf.

Adjacent the Coaches Sleeping Rooms and enclosed stair, an alcove will be provided to allow coaches to meet with each other or with players individually. The room will have a counter, sink, and microwave along one wall and its location allow for monitoring of the stair.

Shower & Restrooms: 520 sf. (2 @ 260 sf. each)

Shower rooms will be provided for both boys and girls. Each will have 3 water closets, 3 lavatories, and 3 shower stalls. Finishes will be durable, easily cleanable, and low maintenance.

Janitor's Room: 50 sf.

This room adjacent the Shower & Restrooms will contain a mop sink and shelving for storage of cleaning supplies.

Mechanical Room:

With the use of electric oil-filled baseboard heat for the building, the mechanical room size will be minimal and house electric panels and ventilation equipment for the batting stalls below.

Enclosed Stair: 200 sf

An enclosed stair will provide safe exiting from the dormitory level to the exterior, as well as interior access to the Commons & Batting Cages below.

Exterior Stair: 200 sf.

An exterior stair will provide emergency exiting from the dormitory level.

Total Net Square Footage Upper Level: 9,420 sf.

Circulation Factor 1.1

Total Gross Square Feet: 10,340 sf.

Space Requirements Summary

The following is a summary of areas and spaces based on the areas described above.

Site: Existing Driveways & Parking to be modified: 8,000 sf.

<u>Indoor Playing Field:</u>	Concept Design
Entry & Seating:	2,650 sf
Public Restrooms:	100 sf.
Enclosed Storage:	50 sf
Indoor Playing Field:	9,025 sf.
Mechanical Mezzanine:	300 sf.
Total Building Area (Gross Square Feet):	13,600 sf

<u>Indoor Batting Cage & Dormitories:</u>	Concept Design
<u>Ground Level:</u>	
Foyer/Commons:	750 sf
Coach's/ADA Dormitory Room:	260 sf.
Batting Stalls (3):	3,375 sf
Public Restrooms:	100 sf.
Janitor's Room:	50 sf.
Enclosed Stair:	200 sf.
<u>Upper Level:</u>	
Sleeping Rooms (4 @ 750 s.f. each):	3,000 sf.
Coaches Sleeping Rooms:	400 sf.
Commons:	500 sf
Shower Rooms (2 @ 260 s.f.):	520 sf.
Janitor's Room:	50 sf.
Attic Mechanical Room:	150 sf.
Total Building Area (Gross Square Feet):	10,340 sf.

B. Proposed Building Components & Systems

Two different types of construction are proposed for the Indoor Training Facility to accommodate the different uses in a cost-effective manner.

Indoor Playing Field:

The Indoor Playing Field, with its requirement for open spans and spaces is proposed to be a pre-manufactured metal building system, with metal columns, beams, girders, and roof members to provide the clear span required to provide the height at the outfield in addition to the slope for the roof. Foundations will be concrete with a sand and gravel floor initially and as subfloor for a future artificial turf surface. Wall and roof construction will be pre-manufactured metal wall panels with fabric-covered batt insulation. Plywood or metal panel wainscoting to 10'-0" height will protect the lower portion of the walls. Windows will be groupings of standard-sized units, giving a unified appearance to the façade, and are assumed to be part of the metal building package. Exterior doors will be insulated hollow-metal, with the possibility of large sliding doors to open the building to the exterior. The building will have a fully-automatic fire sprinkler system.

Due to the constraints of the site, the building form will reflect the layout of the playing field, with sloping roofs above. It is proposed that the building be minimally conditioned, with radiant heating located near the seating areas, and mechanical and natural ventilation. The building will have high clerestory windows for natural lighting during daytime hours, and suspended lighting for evening hours.

Indoor Batting Cages & Dormitory:

This structure may be site-built, using standard construction. Building elements would include a continuous concrete perimeter footing and stem wall with concrete slab on grade floor for the first floor, standard wood stud-framed construction with TJI floor joists at the upper level, and wood or TJI roof joists or trusses. Exterior finishes will include wood, cement board, or metal siding with a metal panel or composition shingle roofing. Finishes at the batting cages will be highly durable, with wall materials being capable of withstanding the impact of the occasional stray baseball, flooring materials to be a sports turf. Finishes at the public areas will be of moderate quality and low maintenance, with an emphasis on natural colors and materials traditional to the architecture of this area. Windows will be groupings of standard-sized units, giving a unified appearance to the façade. Exterior doors will be insulated hollow-metal. Flooring shall be resilient flooring or exposed concrete throughout. Finishes at the dormitories will be simple, durable, easily cleaned, and residential in character. The building will have a fully-automatic fire sprinkler system.

The building form proposed is in character with the existing grandstand building and Ketchikan architecture with a simple form and sloping gable roof.

C. Preliminary Building Code Review

Building code review is based on the 2006 Edition of the International Building Code (IBC) as adopted by the State of Alaska and the City of Ketchikan.

2006 International Building Code Analysis

Occupancy Classification: Non-Separated

Batting Cages and Indoor Playing Field: Assembly: Group A-4

Dormitories: Residential: Group R-2

Code requirements for non-separated uses shall apply to each portion of the building based on the occupancy classification of that space except that the most restrictive applicable provisions shall apply to the entire building.

Indoor Playing Field:

Construction Type: Type V-B (Non-rated construction) & Fully Sprinkled

Required Separations:

Sprinklers allow for one hour separation between Residential and Assembly.

Allowable Floor Area & Building Height:

Assembly A-4: 6,000 s.f., 1-story 40 ft.

Floor Area Increase for Sprinklers: 18,000 s.f.

Floor Area Increase for Frontage: 3,000 s.f.

Total Allowable Floor Area (Per 506.1): 27,000 s.f.

Building Height Increase for Sprinklers: 1-story plus 20 ft.

Allowable Building Height: 2-stories, 60 ft.

Batting Cages with Dormitories Above:

Construction Type: Type V-B (Non-rated construction) & Fully Sprinkled:

Allowable Floor Area and Building Height:

Assembly A-4: 6,000 s.f., 1-story 40 ft.

Residential R-2: 7,000 s.f., 2-stories 40 ft.

Allowable Floor Area (A-4): 6,000 s.f. per floor

Floor Area Increase for Sprinklers: 12,000 s.f. per floor

Floor Area Increase for Frontage:

Total Allowable Floor Area: 18,000 s.f. per floor

Allowable Building Height: 1-story, 40 ft.

Building Height Increase for Sprinklers: 1-story plus 20 ft.

Total Allowable Building Height: 2-story, 60 ft.

Mezzanine: The aggregate area of a mezzanine shall not exceed one-third of the floor area of that room or space in which they are located. The mezzanine overlooking the Indoor Playing Field will be required to be open to its adjacent space as there will be room for more than ten occupants in this space.

Zoning Analysis

Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska

Zone: PLI

Minimum Lot Width: 50'

Yard Requirements: Minimum required yards along the perimeter of the zoning district boundary shall be not less than thirty (30) feet, except where the abutting property is zoned CC, CD, CG, IL, or IH, in which case there shall be no setbacks required.

Minimum building separation shall be not less than twenty (20) feet. The minimum building setback from lot lines other than those along the perimeter of the zoning district boundary shall be not less than ten (10) feet.

Parking Required:

On-site parking will be reconfigured to accommodate the new Indoor Training Facility.

Conceptual Cost Estimate:

The required square footage and site development for the proposed new Indoor Training Facility is accomplished by construction of two buildings at the existing Norman Walker Field. At this early stage of design, exact costs can not be defined, but the following budget numbers are based on costs for recent public projects in the Ketchikan area that are similar in size or scope. The costs below do not include land costs as the site has been dedicated to the project.

Indoor Playing Field:

Site Work: 15,600 sf x \$20.00/sf =	\$ 312,000.
Playing Field Building Costs: 13,600 sf x \$200./sf =	\$2,720,000.
Subtotal, Construction Costs:	\$3,032,000.

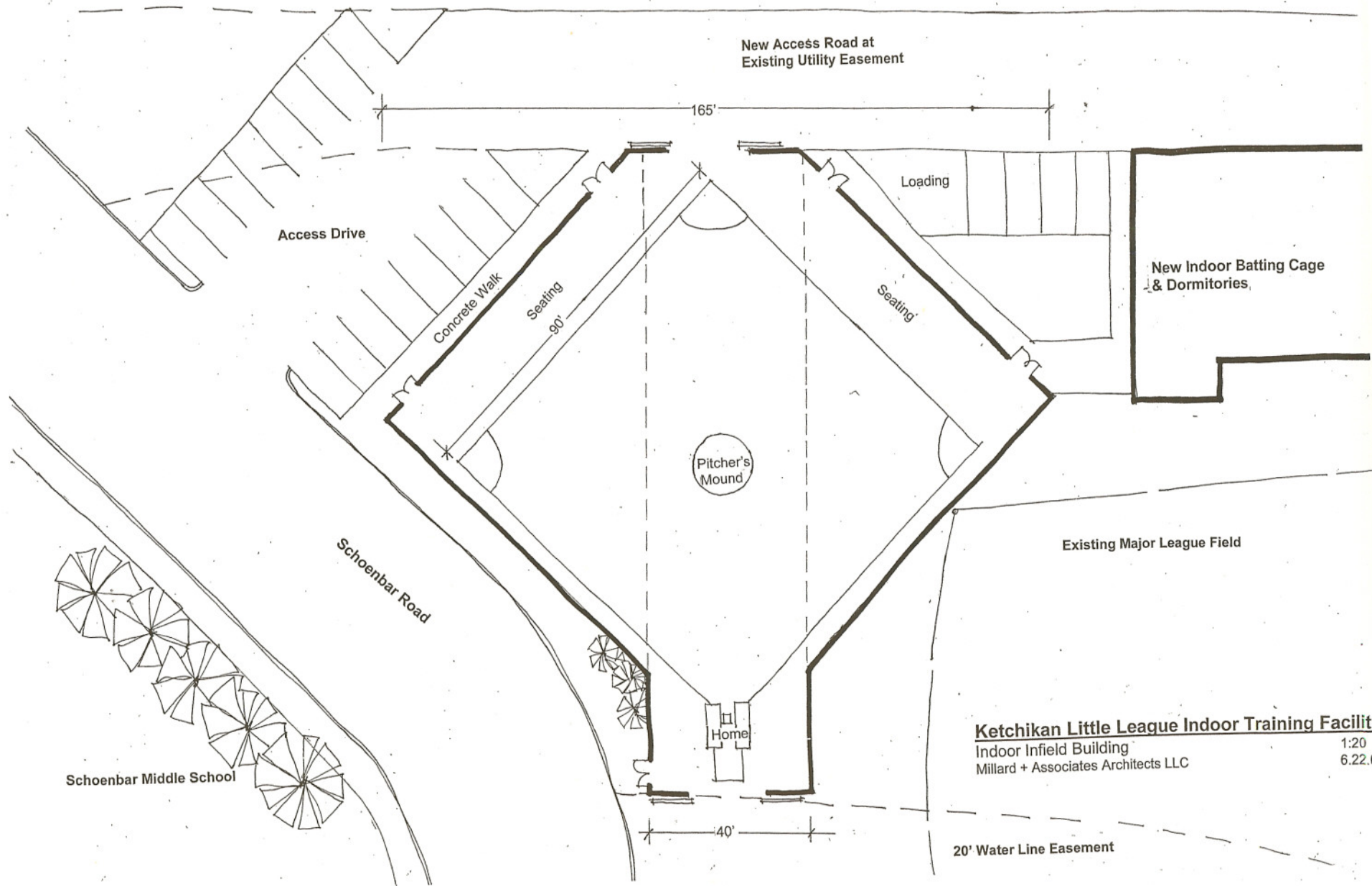
Indoor Batting Cages & Dormitory:

Site Work: 8,000 sf x \$20.00/sf =	\$ 160,000.
Playing Field Building Costs: 10,200 sf x \$220./sf =	\$2,244,000.
Subtotal, Construction Costs:	\$2,404,000.

Subtotal Project Construction Costs:	\$5,436,000.
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Project Soft Costs: 15% of Construction Costs:	\$ 815,400.
(Includes Permitting, A/E fees, Project Management)	
Contingency: 15% of Construction Costs:	\$ 815,400.

Total Indoor Training Facility:	\$7,066,800.
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New Access Road at
Existing Utility Easement

165'

Access Drive

Concrete Walk

Seating
90'

Loading

Seating

New Indoor Batting Cage
& Dormitories

Pitcher's
Mound

Existing Major League Field

Schoenbar Road

Home

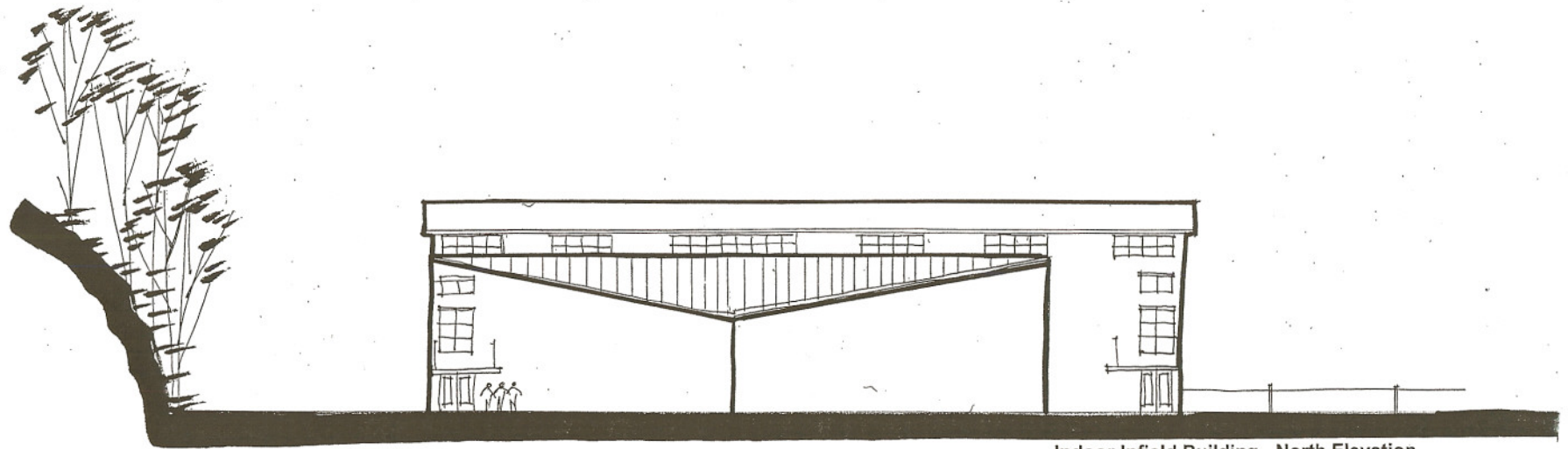
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Ketchikan Little League Indoor Training Facility
Indoor Infield Building
Millard + Associates Architects LLC

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20' Water Line Easement

Schoenbar Middle School



Indoor Infield Building - North Elevation

Ketchikan Little League Indoor Training Facility
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Indoor Infield Building- West Elevation

Ketchikan Little League Indoor Training Facility
Millard + Associates Architects LLC

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1"=20'

Ketchikan Little League Volunteer Hours

	<u>8/25/07</u>	<u>8/26/07</u>	<u>8/27/07</u>	<u>9/1/07</u>	<u>9/2/07</u>	<u>9/8/07</u>	<u>9/15/07</u>	<u>9/16/07</u>
Rick Ruaro	5	4					1	4
Greg Singstad	5							
Tom Craig	8	5	3	8	6	9	6	2
Stan Oaksmith	5							
Chuck Hanas		5					5	4
Cindy Craig	4	1				3		
Patty Ruaro	4							
Ken Lewis	4							
Reggie Reinhardt				5				
Ed Klein				5	3	3	5	
Pat Brown							3	3
Michael Brooks								
Kevin Manabat								
David Klein				5	3	2		
Zack Reinhardt				5				
Cody Hanas	5	5						
Tore Singstad	5	5					2	
Erik Ruaro	5	5						3
Keevin Craig	8	5	3				2	
Gunnar Farstad	8	5	3				2	
Simon Brooks	5	5						
Torin Oaksmith	5	5						
Joseph ?		5						
	76	55	9	28	12	17	26	16

Contributions

Tyler Rental	40' Snorkel Lift	
Croy Constrution	300 psi Pressure Washer	
	8 Rolls Metal Tape	
	Screw Guns & Bits	
	Metal Screws	
	Deck Screws	
Stan Oaksmith	Deck Screws	
Madison Lumber	Metal Screws	\$ 100.00
Tom Craig	Lunch & Gasoline	
	Paint & Materials	300.00
	Coating	4,000.00

<u>9/22/07</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	18
	5
4	51
	5
4	18
	8
	4
	4
	5
4	20
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4	4
2	12
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	10
	5
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April 25, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of the State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

I am writing this letter to encourage your favorable consideration of the various capital projects for the City of Ketchikan that are funded in the FY '09 capital budget approved by the Legislature.

I know that, as a former mayor, you appreciate the significance of well-conceived capital projects for their positive impacts on the quality of life in the community.

Projects specific to the City of Ketchikan approved by the Legislature include:

- City of Ketchikan Fire Station No. 1 Replacement Project: \$5,328,216
- City of Ketchikan – Ketchikan General Hospital Surgical Suite Expansion: \$4,400,000
- City of Ketchikan – Port of Ketchikan Berths I and II Replacement Projects: \$3,000,000
- Knudson Cove Harbor Reconstruction: \$350,000
- City of Ketchikan – Design of Baranof Water Reservoir Replacement: \$150,000

I also want to note our support for two projects, which, while technically not City of Ketchikan projects, have received substantial financial contributions from the City due to the importance they play in helping the community in its economic recovery after the loss of the timber industry.

- Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority – Ketchikan Shipyard Power Generation & Infrastructure Improvements: \$3,000,000
- Oceans Alaska – Shellfish Industry Training Center: \$1,000,000

Needless to say, the City also supports appropriations approved for other local governments and organizations.

I want to briefly emphasize a couple of important points.

1. Extensive local public process: We had an extensive public process at the local level to determine our capital project priority requests that we forwarded to our legislators. We held a number of public meetings at which citizens of Ketchikan were given the opportunity to review and suggest projects. There was significant local participation.

From there the list of potential capital project requests was then forwarded to the City Council for its consideration and approval. In sum, all of our project requests, including those which were

funded, went through a public process and eventual consideration and prioritization by local government. In fact, all major appropriations approved by the Legislature for City of Ketchikan-specific projects were in the top 6 priorities for entire community, i.e., after consideration of projects submitted by other local governments and organizations.

2. Significant local funding: The three major City projects in the approved capital budget involve a significant level of local funding. The City anticipates fully matching the \$5.3 million in state funds appropriated to replace our 66-year-old central fire station. The City anticipates significant local funds being used to match \$4.4 million in state funds for the proposed surgery suite at Ketchikan General Hospital that will replace the existing 42-year-old surgery area; in the first two phases of the master plan we have financed in excess of \$21 million for capital improvements to the City-owned facility. The \$3 million appropriation for the Port of Ketchikan is designated for an estimated \$20 million project to replace old cruise ship berths in Ketchikan. The City has already expended or committed \$4.2 million in local funding for this project; we have also recently completed a \$38 million port improvement project that was 100% locally financed. In sum, I believe that the City is stepping up to the plate with our own funds to commit to these projects.

In closing I would like to thank you for your hard work on behalf of the entire State of Alaska. I hope that as you review the capital projects for the City of Ketchikan you will agree that the projects all serve a public purpose and that they are critical infrastructure projects which are deserving of state financial participation.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Weinstein".

Bob Weinstein
Mayor

cc: Karen Rehfeld, Director of OMB
Senator Bert Stedman
Representative Kyle Johansen